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SUBJECT: LEAGUE OF FAMILIES

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1. FORTY-ONE LEAGUE MEMBERS ARRIVED VIENTIANE
OCTOBER 11 VIA COMMERCIAL AIR AT 1800 HOURS FROM
BANGKOK. REMAINING 12 MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE EXPECTED
AFTERNOON OCTOBER 12.

2. EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED ITINERARY FOR GROUP
COMMENCING MORNING OCTOBER 12, WITH WELCOMING ADDRESS
BY AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE, BRIEFINGS ON CURRENT POLITICAL
SITUATION, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION WITH CHIEFS
OF VARIOUS U.S. MISSION AGENCIES, INCLUDING USIS,
USAID, DAO, JCRC AND THE EMBASSY.

3. DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 13-17, MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
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SCHEDULED WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL

CONTROL COMMISSION, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN VIENTIANE, AS WELL AS A HIGH-RANKING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE REQUESTED A MEETING WITH LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT PERM REP, SOTH PHETRASY, ON OCTOBER 15 OR 16, WHICH HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED.

4. MISSION HAS ALSO ARRANGED WIDE VARIETY OF SOCIAL AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR DELEGATION. TRIPS TO PAKSE, SAVANNAKHET, AND POSSIBLY LUANG PRABANG ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16, WHERE THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE BRIEFED BY USAID AREA COORDINATORS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM VIENTIANE FOR BANGKOK AT 1515 ON OCTOBER 17.

5. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF GROUP. DEPARTMENT MAY DRAW ON ABOVE FACTS TO BRIEF PRESS OR RESPOND TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING LEAGUE'S ACTIVITIES IN LAOS. WHITEHOUSE

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